

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 618

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ellie Ambrose of Davidson County upon being named Tennessee's top middle-level school volunteer by the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ellie Ambrose, an esteemed resident of Nashville and a sixth-grader at Christ Presbyterian Academy, has been recognized as Tennessee's top middle-level school volunteer in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Eleventh Annual Nationwide Program, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Ambrose won this recognition for initiating an annual fund-raising run and carnival that have yielded more than \$40,000 over the past two years for sick and disadvantaged African children; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ambrose was motivated to begin her project when she saw a slide presentation on poverty in Africa that emphasized the country's struggle with tiny houses, droughts, and illness; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Ambrose put together a plan with parents and friends and then delivered speeches to school and local groups to promote the run and raise awareness about Africa; she also made television and radio commercials and attended many planning meetings; and

WHEREAS, on the day of the first "Ellie's Run for Africa," more than seventy volunteers helped Miss Ambrose and her family set up and manage a five-kilometer run, a one-mile "family fun run," and a carnival featuring games, a dunking tank, an African cultural marketplace, and African dancers and drummers; and

WHEREAS, a second event in September of 2005 brought the total amount of money raised to date to \$43,000, and a third run is scheduled for later this year; and

WHEREAS, as a State Honoree, Ellie Ambrose will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion at a local ceremony, and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., for several days of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Ambrose epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ellie Ambrose who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ellie Ambrose on being recognized as a State Honoree in the Prudential Sprit of Community Award's Eleventh Annual Nationwide Program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.